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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0010]

[Docket 2011-0079; Sequence 24]

Federal Acquisition Regulation;

Information Collection; Progress Payments (SF-1443)

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Regulatory Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously information collection requirement concerning progress payments.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of

appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before **[Insert date 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.]**

ADDRESSES: **ADDRESSES:** Submit comments identified by **Information Collection 9000-0010, Progress Payments**, by any of the following methods:

- Regulations.gov: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by inputting "Information Collection 9000-0010, Progress Payments" under the heading "Enter Keyword or ID" and selecting "Search". Select the link "Submit a Comment" that corresponds with "Information Collection 9000-0010, Progress Payments". Follow the instructions provided at the "Submit a Comment" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Information Collection 9000-0010, Progress Payments" on your attached document.

- Fax: 202-501-4067.
- Mail: General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20417. ATTN: Hada Flowers/IC 9000-0010, Progress Payments.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0010, Progress Payments, in all correspondence

related to this collection. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward Chambers, Procurement Analyst, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, at (202) 501-3221 or Edward.chambers@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Certain Federal contracts provide for progress payments to be made to the contractor during performance of the contract. Pursuant to FAR clause 52.232-16 "Progress Payments," contractors are required to request progress payments on Standard Form (SF) 1443, "Contractor's Request for Progress Payment," or an agency approved electronic equivalent. Additionally, contractors may be required to submit reports, certificates, financial statements, and other pertinent information, reasonably requested by the Contracting Officer. The contractual requirement for submission of SF 1443, reports, certificates, financial statements and other pertinent information is necessary for protection of the Government against financial loss through the making of progress payments.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 27,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 32.

Annual Responses: 864,000.

Hours Per Response: .55.

Total Burden Hours: 475,200.

OBTAINING COPIES OF PROPOSALS: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20417, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0010, Progress Payments, in all correspondence.

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